



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade  
and Consumer Protection  
*Division of Animal Health*



## AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION SHEET

### Avian Influenza and Pets

#### **FAST FACTS:**

- The presence of a highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in commercial poultry flocks in the Midwest.
- Even if HPAI were found anywhere in Wisconsin or near your home, pet birds kept indoors are at low risk.
- Infection in cats and dogs has been extremely rare, although cats are more susceptible.
- If the virus is found in your area, keep cats in doors, on a leash or at least away from any areas where waterfowl gather.
- If a dog or cat brings dead wild birds to you, wear rubber gloves to pick up the birds and seal them in a plastic bag. Contact the Department of Natural Resources for further instructions.

**For more information about all aspects of avian influenza,  
visit [datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov).**

**If you find a sick or dead bird, don't touch it, report it.**

**Domestic birds:** Wisconsin DATCP—Division of Animal Health  
**1-800-572-8981**

**Wild birds:** Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
**1-800-433-1610**

